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**Disabled
Veteran
Business
Enterprise
Preference Program**

What is the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Preference Program?

The Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) program is designed to enhance purchasing and contracting opportunities for businesses owned by disabled veterans.

Program Requirements

There is a three-step process to qualify in Los Angeles County for a DVBE program.

Step 1: Your business must be certified by either of these departments:

- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), which certifies a business as a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB)

For more information on the VA's certification process, visit vetbiz.gov.

- The State of California, which certifies a business as a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE)

For more information on the State's certification process, visit dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS.aspx.

Step 2: Your business must also be a registered Los Angeles County vendor. To register, visit: camisvr.co.la.ca.us/webven/.

Step 3: You must also submit the Los Angeles County Certification Information form. You can find this form on our website: dcba.lacounty.gov, in the Small Business section.

What are the benefits?

- **Bid Preference:** Eligibility for an 8 percent bid price reduction or "preference" during the evaluation process when bidding for goods and services in response to Los Angeles County solicitations.
- The actual "preference" is calculated on the cost/price component of the lowest most responsible and responsive bid amount. The reduction cannot exceed more than \$50,000.
- The 8 percent preference is used only to determine the winning bidder or proposal and does not change the bid amount of the contract award.



Purchases not eligible for DVBE Preference:

- National contracts
- Revolving fund (petty cash) purchases
- Purchase card (credit card) purchases
- Purchases less than \$5,000
- Contracts funded by Federal grants where there are conflict requirements for minority-owned or female-owned business participation.
- Contracts for which federal, state, or local laws limit or prohibit application of the preference

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